

## **2003 Blissfield Church League Softball Special Rules and Information**

ASA rules of softball apply except for the following.

1. No time limit on games.
2. Mercy Rule: 15 runs after 5 innings, 10 runs after 6 innings.
3. A minimum of two women must play in the field every inning (any positions). A team who has less than two women will be penalized one out per inning for each woman they are short that inning.. (ex: 1 women in field means only 2 outs for that team at bat)
4. Women cannot bat back to back in the lineup. (Exception: first and last hitter)
5. Outfielders must remain on the grass of the outfield until the ball is hit.
6. If a man walks and is followed by a woman in the lineup, the woman has the option to walk or hit.
7. Age Requirement: Anyone who has completed one year of high school is of enough to play for a team.
8. No profanity or derogatory language will be allowed. Any use of such language will result in that player's ejection from the game.
9. Fighting or other violent behavior will result in that player being expelled from the league for the remainder of the season and playoffs.
10. A team that is short of players may pick up ONLY 1 player from another team for their game.
11. A team roster will be turned in to the league chairman by Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. It will contain names of anyone you think may play for you this year. Names can only appear on one team's roster. Only players on the roster will be allowed in the end-of-season tournament.
12. During the end-of-season tournament, no team will be allowed to use a player who is not on their roster.

A traveling trophy will be awarded to the winner of the end-of-season tournament. The trophy will remain with that church for the year. Next season, the church will return the trophy to the league chairman by the start of the tournament so it may be awarded to the next winner.

Either the league chairman or the umpire can declare rainouts. Rainouts will be rescheduled for 9pm on a Tuesday or Thursday, as soon as is convenient and fair for both teams. If a game is called by 5pm the coaches contact number will be called. Rainouts during the playoffs will push all remaining playoff games back one night (ex: from a Tuesday to a Thursday).

Questions or comments should be directed to the league chairman: Scott Ricker 486-6529